

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF JUDI FRIEDMAN, CHAIR, PEOPLE'S ACTION FOR CLEAN ENERGY before the Connecticut Gen. ASSEMBLY ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE on March 7, 2013 concerning Governor's Bill 6360

As Chair of PACE since 1975 I have personally witnessed the exciting growth of the clean energy industry including energy efficiency. I cannot begin to tell you the excitement that people feel when they witness free clean energy coming from the sun or the wind or the water. I cannot begin to tell you the joy they feel when these clean energy technologies also mean local jobs. And everyone enjoys the economic benefits of reducing their energy demand by becoming more energy efficient whether they are oil customers or use any other kind of fossil fuel.

Therefore I feel strongly because of my personal experience that hydropower from Canada is an unwise idea since it does not result in local jobs and energy is lost in the transmission of this power. And to include trash incineration as a form of clean energy does not make any sense. Burning waste is an ancient idea that results in the release of toxics. We need a sustained commitment to renewable energy by signing long-term contracts for renewables generated in New England.

I also feel strongly that the extraction of natural gas endangers the environment seriously and the use of this fossil fuel will not help reduce the negative effects of climate change. I also believe that we must concentrate our resources heavily in the use of micro-grids so that we are not as vulnerable to hurricanes, snowstorms or terrorist hacking. Stuxnet should be a warning to us showing that our power transmission methods are very fragile. Thank you for your attention. Judi Friedman 101 Lawton Rd., Canton, CT 06019